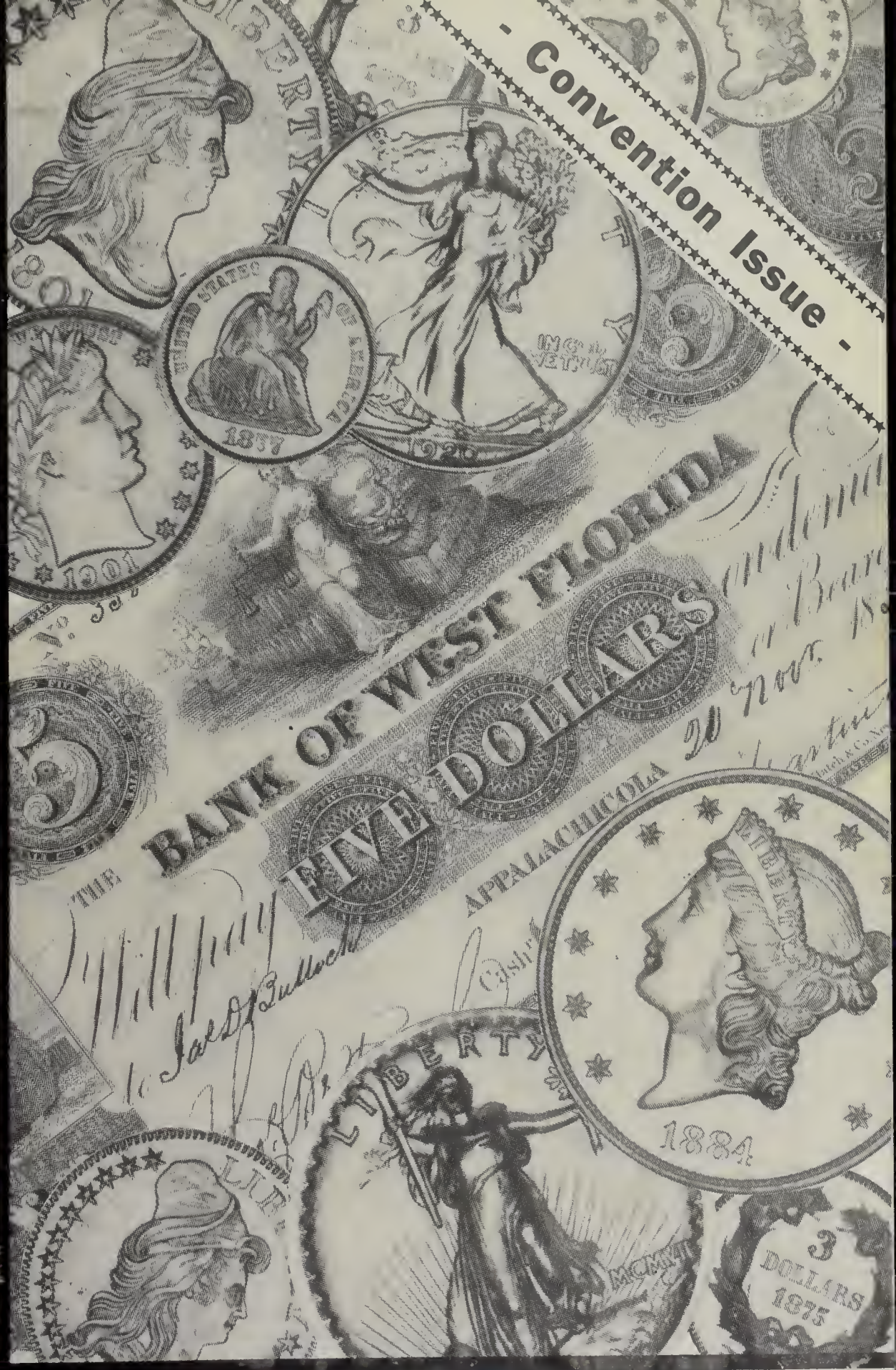


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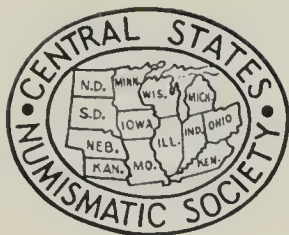
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Welcome To The 38th Anniversary Convention

of

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- ★ Two-session Numismatic Auction
- ★ Ladies' Luncheon
- ★ Awards Banquet
- ★ Society Business Meeting
- ★ Hospitality Room

(Please consult the official convention program for exact times and locations of all convention activities.)

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LETTER OF WELCOME

Dear Fellow CSNS Members:

As we wind down into final preparations for the 38th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society in Milwaukee, May 13-15, the stage is set for the finest and most comprehensive show CSNS has ever held. As most of you know, this will be the fifth time we have held this show in Milwaukee and it promises to easily surpass the 1972 convention which broke all previous records.

Somehow, Milwaukee-based conventions always generate wide interest across the country, and this one is no exception!

Over 180 dealers from 30 states will assemble for the bourse, nearly double that of 1972. In addition, there will be beautiful exhibits and a broad range of interesting as well as educational events. It should be a rewarding experience for the novice as well as the experienced collector.

For those of you who have not yet attended a Milwaukee convention, let us assure you that no finer facilities exist for a show of this magnitude than those provided by the Red Carpet Inn & Convention Center. They are experienced and well equipped to serve you in a cordial and relaxed atmosphere of camaraderie. You can look forward to an enjoyable experience.

On behalf of your hosts, the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, we extend a cordial invitation to join us in Milwaukee for this show and to visit our fine city. We are looking forward to making many new friends and renewing those friendships of long standing.

Sincerely,
A. P. "Del" Bertschy

Major Exhibiting Award Announced

The establishment of a new award for exhibitors was announced during the October 9-10 meeting of the CSNS governing board. Known as the "Lowell L. Owen Memorial Award," the newest of memorial honors will go to the best junior exhibit at CSNS conventions.

At the time of his death last July 18, Owen was serving as CSNS Governor for the State of Iowa and was active in numerous numismatic circles.

Central States Numismatic Society
38th Anniversary Convention

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

MAY 13-15, 1977

RED CARPET EXPO CENTER

Host Club: Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Tentative Program

Thursday, May 12 — PNG DAY

- 8:00 a.m. — Bourse area open to PNG Dealers only.
- 10:00 a.m. — Bourse area open to the public.
- 5:00 p.m. — PNG Bourse closes.
- 6:00 p.m. — PNG Membership meeting.
- 7:00 p.m. — Cocktail Hour (PNG members and invited guests only).
- 8:00 p.m. — Buffet Dinner (PNG members and invited guests only).

Friday, May 13 — DAVID L. COOPER DAY



Cooper

- 7:30 a.m. — Bourse area open to CSNS Dealers only.
Exhibit area open to CSNS Exhibitors only.
- 9:45 a.m. — Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies.
- 10:00 a.m. — 1977 CSNS Convention opens to the public.
CSNS Hospitality Room open to Convention badge holders.
- 11:00 a.m. — Press meeting.
- 12:00 noon — Civil War Token Society meeting, Red Carpet Inn.
- 1:00 p.m. — Token & Medal Society meeting, Red Carpet Inn.
Deadline for ticket reservations to Ladies' Luncheon (\$4.50 each) and Awards Banquet (\$12 each).
- 2:00 p.m. — Exhibitors and Judges Familiarization meeting.
- 4:00 p.m. — CSNS Officers and Board of Governors meeting, Red Carpet Inn.
- 7:00 p.m. — Auction, first session, by RARCOA, Expo Center.

9:00 p.m. — Bourse and Exhibit areas close for the day.
 12:00 midnight — Society of Bearded Numismatists Reunion,
 Red Carpet Inn.

Saturday, May 14 — RICHARD S. YEOMAN DAY



Yeoman

- 8:00 a.m. — Bourse area open to CSNS Dealers only.
Exhibit area open to CSNS Exhibitors only.
- 9:00 a.m. — Bourse and Exhibit area open to the public.
CSNS Hospitality Room open to convention badge holders.
- 10:00 a.m. — Society of Paper Money Collectors meeting,
Red Carpet Inn.
- 11:00 a.m. — International Banknote Society (Midwest Division)
meeting, Red Carpet Inn.
- 11:30 a.m. — Ladies' Luncheon, bus leaves Red Carpet Inn (Maxi-
mum attendance limited to 48 individuals.)
- 1:00 p.m. — Auction, second and final session, by RARCOA,
Expo Center.
- 2:00 p.m. — CSNS General Membership meeting (President
Harold Berk presiding), Red Carpet Inn.
- 3:30 p.m. — CSNS Educational Forum, Red Carpet Inn.
- 5:30 p.m. — Elongated Collectors meeting, Red Carpet Inn.
- 6:30 p.m. — Bourse and Exhibit areas close for the day.
- 7:00 p.m. — Dutch Treat Cocktail Hour, Red Carpet Inn.
- 8:00 p.m. — CSNS Awards Banquet with Special Recognition of
Richard S. Yeoman and his contributions to
numismatics, presentation of exhibit and special
awards, New Orleans Ballroom.

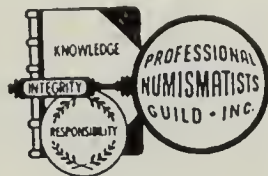
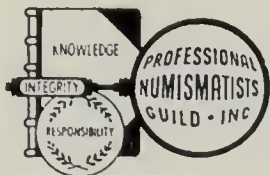
Sunday, May 15 — A. P. "DEL" BERTSCHY DAY



Bertschy

- 8:00 a.m. — Bourse area open to CSNS Dealers only.
Exhibit area open to CSNS Exhibitors only.
- 9:00 a.m. — Bourse and Exhibit areas open to the public.
CSNS Hospitality Room open to convention badge holders.
- 10:00 a.m. — Association of Numismatic Editors, organizational
meeting, Red Carpet Inn.
- 12:00 noon — CSNS Officers and Board of Governors meeting,
Red Carpet Inn.
- 2:00 p.m. — Quantitative Grading Familiarization Program,
Red Carpet Inn.
- 5:00 p.m. — CSNS 38th Anniversary Convention closes.
Be with us in St. Louis in 1978!

(Please consult the official convention program—or check with convention personnel at the registration office—for exact times and locations, if not listed above.)



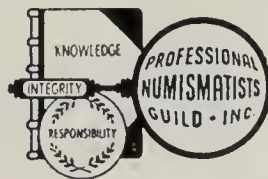
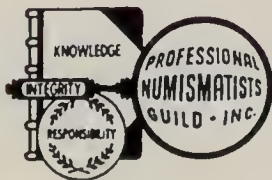
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Harley L. Freeman Collection To Be Auctioned in Milwaukee

A superb offering of nice numismatic material has been arranged for the CSNS auction in Milwaukee by the firm of RARCOA of Chicago.

As a highlight of the sale, RARCOA is pleased to offer the Harley L. Freeman collection of Florida obsolete currency.

Mr. Freeman, a 53-year member and former Chairman of the Board of the ANA, was an ardent researcher and writer on the subject of Florida's early currency. He wrote the book **Florida Obsolete Notes and Scrip** which was published by the Society of Paper Money Collectors in 1967. This was the first of the Wismer project books on obsolete currency, and has become the standard work on the subject.

Mr. Freeman's collection includes approximately 500 Florida notes ranging from a UNIQUE 177 colonial note to a virtually complete collection of

Territory and State issues. The vast majority of all issuing merchants, banks and governmental bodies are represented by one or more specimens. Several PROOF notes and a quantity of sheets are also to be found.

No collector of Florida notes will want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to obtain specimens from the largest collection ever to be offered.

Sharing the spotlight with the Freeman obsolete currency collection is a superb grouping of U. S. type coins, U. S. gold, U. S. Bust type half dimes, and Morgan and Peace dollars, as follows:

U. S. Type Coins

A fine offering, with every denomination, from Half Cent through Trade Dollar, being represented. Among the many highlights are: 1793 Chain and

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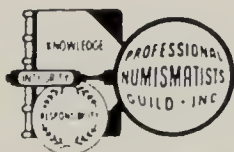
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Auction —

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Wreath Large Cents, 1856 Flying Eagle Cent and a nice selection of other copper and nickel type coins. The silver section contains a Proof 1858 3¢ Silver, an EF 1794 Half Dime and two Choice 1796 Dimes (one a Superb GEM). Other Dimes of note are an 1803, an 1877-CC which has the appearance and characteristics of a Presentation Piece, and a GEM 1921-P. Quarters include early Bust material in nice condition (two sparkling GEMS are the 1818 and 1831) and many Seated coins (several GEMS in both Uncirculated and Proof condition are to be found). A Superb selection of Barber Quarters, in both Mint State and Proof grades follows. Noteworthy dates are: 1895-O, 1896-O, 1901-O, 1907-O and 1908-S. Several Choice Bust and Seated Half Dollars are next, and a Mint State 1920-S is featured in the Liberty Walking variety. Interesting Dollars include a nice 1802/1, 1850 and 1878 7 Feathers in Proof.

U.S. Gold Coins

The United States Gold section contains truly a SUPERB selection: Quarter Eagles: many Proofs, and an 1875 in Uncirculated condition. Three

Dollars: Proofs of the following dates: 1857, 1875, 1876, 1883 and 1885. Half Eagles: A 1797 Small Eagle, 16 Star Variety, plus several Proofs. Eagles: Both varieties of 1798. Double Eagles: Proofs of 1873, 1874, 1876, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1891, 1904, an 1886 in EF and three specimens of the popular MCMVII St. Gaudens High Relief Variety.



Territorials: A VF \$50 Wasp Molitor Round and an Eagle Mining Company \$50 Ingot.

Commemoratives: Two Panama-Pacific sets, plus a Pan-Pac \$1 with its original envelope of issue.

U. S. Bust Type Half Dimes

A virtually complete die variety collection by Valentine and Breen numbers. Pieces with earlier-unreported

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Auction —

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die marriages are also to be found among the 91 different specimens in this grouping! The great majority of these coins are in Choice Mint State condition. All will be photographed



and described in detail. This fact alone is sure to make the catalogue a valuable reference work since it is sure to be many years, if at all, before another offering of this size and scope will be made.

Morgan & Peace Dollars

A virtually complete Choice and GEM Uncirculated set, including such GEM quality coins as the 1879-CC, 1895-O, 1895-S, 1897-O, 1903-S and 1934-S.

And as the final highlight to an already well highlighted auction, RAR-



COA, by mail bid only, will sell the Harley L. Freeman collection of numismatic literature.

Included in the mail bid sale is an outstanding selection of literature: **Numismatists** from 1921 - 1975; **ANS** literature; a large selection of paper money catalogs; a superb set of auction catalogs; and other items too numerous to mention.

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FUTURE CSNS CONVENTIONS

May 13-15, 1977 Red Carpet-Expo Center Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Chairman: A. P. "Del" Bertschy, 714 E. Glendale Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211.

May 12-14, 1978 Chase-Park Plaza Hotel St. Louis, Missouri

April 25-29, 1979 Dearborn, Michigan

Dates to be announced, 1980 Lincoln, Nebraska
Chairman: Allen L. Schrock, P.O. Box 1212, D.T.S., Omaha, Nebraska 68101.

Tentatively awarded, 1981 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

NOTE TO CLUB OFFICIALS: Interested in hosting a future CSNS convention? It's not too early to begin thinking of the future! Submit your letter of invitation to the CSNS Secretary-Treasurer at your earliest convenience. Your request will receive the prompt attention of the Officers of the Board of Governors.

PRESIDENTIAL

COMMENTARY

In the words of the town crier of old, I say, "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!!

"The 38th Anniversary Central States Numismatic Society convention is about to begin.

"Come one, come all . . . to the greatest convention that we have ever held!"

Yes, the convention plans are being finalized. Under the expert leadership of Del Bertschy, convention chairman, and the hard-working Milwaukee Numismatic Society committees, the red carpets of the Red Carpet Inn in Milwaukee are taking on a bright hue in anticipation of your arrival.

The PNG will herald your arrival on Thursday, May 12, with a bourse display open to the public, and, on the 13th day of May thru the 15th, dealers and exhibitors will display their wares and collections.

As is to be expected, RARCOA will be offering outstanding numismatic items for those of you who like to purchase their coins and currency in auctions.

By all means, make sure that you attend the banquet this year! Chet Krause and Ken Bressett are heading up the Recognition Committee and have pleasant surprises in store for you.

If you have any suggestions for the betterment of our organization, be sure to attend the open membership meeting which is scheduled at the convention.

Surely this is enough, but there is

(See Commentary, page 46)



Harold H. Berk

- NOTICE -

OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Governing Board of Central States Numismatic Society hereby recommends that Sections 3 and 4 of Article III of the By-Laws of said Society be amended to read as follows:

Section 3. The officers shall have the usual duties delegated to their respective offices and shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter provided.

(See Amendment, page 46)

A MESSAGE FROM THE

SECRETARY

I hope all of our members are planning to be in Milwaukee, May 13-15. This annual convention is planned **with the collector in mind**. "Del" Bertschy has been hard at work for months getting it all set up and ready for your enjoyment. We will have a table for you to stop by and pay your dues, register your complaints, or just chat awhile. I'm looking forward to meeting many of the people with whom I have been corresponding this past year.

Our apologies to those persons who applied for membership late last Fall and have not received their cards as yet. Our Society By-Laws state that your name **must be published**; then, after 30 days, if there are no written objections to your membership, a card will be sent to you. Circumstances forced a delay in publishing **The Centinel** (see **Editor's Comment** below), but I hope to have your membership cards to you before you arrive in Milwaukee.

Issues of **The Centinel**, mailed to members, keep being returned to me because of incorrect addresses. This is not only depriving you of your Society journal; it also costs excessive postage to your organization. I ask you, **please**, keep me current on your address. And speaking of **The Centinel**, I will have several copies of the recent issues on the table in Milwaukee. Anyone who is interested is welcome to take an issue or two.

You all have received the hotel reservation card which was inserted in the Fall-Winter edition. The Red Car-

pet Inn is a large facility, but with the crowds which a CSNS convention draws, it is wise to have your accommodations booked as early as possible.



Marjorie M. Owen

Last Fall, I went entirely through the membership ledgers and sent dues notices to everyone who was not current. My thanks to you all for the tremendous response. Those persons who are in arrears for 1975-76 and 1976-77 will **not** be sent a notice this coming year. Check your card and if it reads "1976", it will be **your** job to contact me. Otherwise, the name will be dropped from the active list.

We have quite a lengthy list of new applicants in this issue. I will try to have your cards ready for you in Milwaukee. A big welcome, too, for the new Life Members. I really enjoy mailing those metal cards to you! If

anyone is considering joining this special group, I will be glad to furnish you with the details. All you have to do is ask!

— MARJORIE M. OWEN
Secretary-Treasurer

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Production problems which recently have plagued **The Centinel** rest entirely in the lap of the Editor, not the Secretary-Treasurer, not the Officers

and Governors, nor our friendly printer in Illinois. Nor can I "pass the buck" to the U.S. Postal Service. If you desire a fuller explanation of the situation, please contact the Editor; an explanation will be forthcoming. If you are desirous of making a formal application for the position of Editor, please make your feelings known to the CSNS President, Harold H. Berk, 2671 Youngstown Rd. S.E., Warren, Ohio 44484. — RWF.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

New Member Applicants

Since the Fall-Winter, 1976-77, Issue of THE CENTINEL

2785-J	Dwight Dobson	Springfield Gardens, New York
2786	Philip L. Thomas	Warren, Ohio
2787	Ralph Hoehn	Salem, Ohio
2788	Harlan L. Ziegenhorn	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2789	Harry Peters	Kanawha, Iowa
2790	James E. Judson	Clarion, Iowa
2791	Vickie Klausch	Jackson, Wisconsin
2792-J	Michael Davidson	Elmhurst, New York
2793	Tom Nyemaster	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
2794	Jerome Bishop	Waukegan, Illinois
2795	Frank C. Osdoba	Sioux City, Iowa
2796	James F. Sunderland	Calumet City, Illinois
2797	John W. Wilson	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2798	David F. Burke	Offutt AFB, Nebraska
2799	Martin D. Levy	Seattle, Washington
2800	Ronald E. Fink	Whiting, Indiana
2801	C. W. Grayson	Fairmount, Indiana
2802-J	David Leach	Poplar Bluff, Missouri
2803	M. Lissauer	White Plains, New York
2804	J. Moskowitz	White Plains, New York
2805	Jim Halperin	Framingham, Massachusetts
2806	Albert Levin	Racine, Wisconsin
2807	Louis H. Collins	Waco, Texas
2808	Lou Goldstein	Chicago, Illinois
2809	Fred Weinberg	Beverly Hills, California
2810	Leo J. Neidinger	Brookfield, Wisconsin
2811	David Bland, Jr.	Austin, Texas
2812	Kent Froseth	Minneapolis, Minnesota
2813	George Blenker	Blenker, Wisconsin

2814	Marvin Jacobson	Maddock, North Dakota
2815	E. S. Kraemer	Thief River Falls, Minnesota
2816	Robert E. Brown	Garden City, Michigan
2817	Helen Sedo	Dearborn, Michigan
2818	David W. Akers	Englewood, Ohio
2819	John Skillings	St. Peter, Minnesota
2820	John L. Cobb	Newtonville, Massachusetts
2821	Jack Boozer	Waco, Texas
2822	Ray Burns	Cleveland, Ohio
2823	M. Louis Teller	Los Angeles, California
2824	Joan Hildebrand, Cherryvale Coins & Stamps	Rockford, Illinois
2826	Duke Pogatchnik	Finlayson, Minnesota
2827	Randall L. Pollock	Albertson, New York
2828	Gale Venable	Independence, Missouri
2829	Vince A. Filpi	Pittsfield, Massachusetts
2830	Thomas S. Gordon	Westminster, Maryland
2831	Bill Kiszely	Grand Ledge, Michigan
2832	Sal Fusco	Ft. Jefferson Sta., New York
2833	Kenneth Sandy, Jr.	Kidder, Missouri
2834	Vernon Lowe, L & L Coins	Denver, Colorado
2835	Don Harris	Great Falls, Montana
2836-J	Jeff Butts	Vinton, Iowa
2837	Edwin T. Kuether	Austin, Minnesota
2838	Gordon D. Cassidy	Austin, Minnesota
2839	Jerry Baker, Stephenson's, Inc.	Ames, Iowa
2840	Charles E. Wyatt	San Diego, California
2841	Richard H. Ponterio	San Diego, California
2842	Henri N. Heller	Pasadena, California
2844	Fred Reichert	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2846	G. B. Edwards	Turnersville, New Jersey
2847	Thomas J. Creswell, Jr.	Waterville, Maine

— NOTICE —

Central States Numismatic Society is desirous of receiving proposals for the convention auctions to be held in 1978, 1979, and 1980. Any interested numismatic firm experienced in conducting public auctions should promptly present a written proposal specifying the amount it is willing to pay to the Society for the privilege of conducting the auction. Proposals should be mailed to: Harold H. Berk, CSNS President, 2671 Youngstown Road, S. E., Warren, Ohio 44484.

2848	Joseph L. Lepczyk	East Lansing, Michigan
2849	Victor England, Jr.	Denver, Colorado
2850	Mary Ann Lemke	Waupaca, Wisconsin
2851	Clifton Larson	Ames, Iowa
2852	H. Pressman	Shaker Heights, Ohio

LIFE MEMBERSHIP — Converted from Regular Membership

LM 173	Donald Apte	Falls Church, Virginia
LM 174	David Derzon	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

CALENDAR OF STATE CONVENTIONS

Officials of state numismatic organizations within the 13-state Central States area are invited to submit information relative to their annual conventions for listing in The Centinel's "Calendar of State Conventions." Convention information should be sent to the Editor as soon as dates have been confirmed to allow for timely publication.

ILLINOIS

September 9-11 Arlington Heights

Illinois Numismatic Association 17th annual convention, Arlington Park Hilton Hotel.

Chairman: William Litwick. Bourse: Moose Foster. Exhibits: Larry Vonyx. Mailing address: P.O. Box 902, Arlington Heights, Ill. 60006.

IOWA

October 1-2 Des Moines

Iowa Numismatic Association annual convention, Ramada Inn.

Chairman: Don Mark, P.O. Box 1, Adel, Iowa 50003.

KENTUCKY

October 22-23 Louisville

Kentucky State Numismatic Association 17th annual convention, Stouffer's Inn.

Chairman: Tony Sturgeon, P.O. Box 5045, Louisville, Ky. 40205.

MICHIGAN

November 25-27 Dearborn

Michigan State Numismatic Society 22nd annual fall convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Michigan Avenue at Southfield Expressway (U.S. 12 at M-39).

Address all inquiries to: Dearborn Coin Club, P.O. Box 891, Dearborn, Mich. 48121.

MISSOURI

August 12-14 St. Louis

Missouri Numismatic Society 18th annual Coin Festival, Marriott Motor Hotel.

Chairman: Roger Munie, P.O. Box 155, Belleville, Ill. 62222.

Major Rules Change Made

In Bradfield Competition

Society members are invited and encouraged to submit their literary contributions to **The Centinel** for publication. Upon appearing in the Society's quarterly journal, each article is automatically entered in the competition for the Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award, sponsored annually by the Society with the cooperation of the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation, Inc.

The award, named in honor of **The Centinel's** originating editor, has been presented annually since its inception in 1969 to the author of the best article appearing in the Society's journal.

Elston Bradfield was the first editor of **The Centinel**, holding that position from 1953 until 1964. The well known Chicago area numismatist was also editor of **The Numismatist**, official publication of the American Numismatic Association. He resigned from both publications due to ill health.

Interested Society members wishing to share of their numismatic knowledge and to compete for the coveted award must follow these simple rules: (1) The author must be a member in good standing of CSNS; (2) The article must be published in **The Centinel**; (3) Subject matter can be any numismatic or related topic; (4) An individual may enter as often as he or she wishes, although only one award is made each year; and (5) Length is not a major factor and will be governed by the author's ability to adequately cover his subject.

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** Action taken by the CSNS Officers and Governors during their interim meeting in Minneapolis, October 9-10, 1976, now allows literary competitors to win the Bradfield award more than one time. Until the recent rule change, a competitor could win the award but once, although he or she was allowed (and encouraged!) to make repeated literary contributions for publication.  
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All literary submissions are published on a space-available basis. Extremely lengthy articles should be avoided. Photographs and illustrations are welcomed and will be returned if requested.

Judging of published articles is accomplished by a panel of impartial competent individuals as named by the CSNS governing board.

Since the Bradfield award was established, CSNS and the Reagan Foundation have honored eight writers: 1969, Russell Porter; 1970, Dr. F. Stevens Epps; 1971, Daniel C. Parker; 1972, Roland W. Finner; 1973, L. Finch Booker; 1974, Clement F. Bailey; 1975, Kurt R. Krueger; and 1976, Gerald E. Johnson.

The 1977 Bradfield award winner will be announced during the Awards Banquet of the Milwaukee CSNS convention, Saturday evening, May 14.

Contest entries or inquiries may be addressed to the Editor, **The Centinel**, P.O. Box 296, Iola, Wisconsin 54945.

GUEST

EDITORIAL

HARD WORK CAN REVITALIZE OUR NATION'S COIN CLUBS

Coin clubs across the country seem to be in a state of limbo. The good old days are gone, the days when collectible coins were found in change, the days when the key coins were available at uninflated prices, the days when a coin club meeting with interesting and fun.

Many of today's coin clubs have not changed with the times. They are trying to stay alive using the same programs that they have followed for the past ten or more years. The secretary of a Pennsylvania coin club states this dilemma perfectly. In a letter to me she wrote, "My husband and I started the coin club in 1953, and I have been the secretary-treasurer since then. They don't want to let me resign. The older members are dying off, and the younger one's aren't interested in anything but making money from their collections, so I don't know what will happen to this club in the next few years." This letter is typical of what has happened to coin clubs; the question is how to turn this situation around to give our clubs a new direction.

I feel that the local coin clubs can be saved. It is going to take a lot of work on the part of every member, but the results will be worthwhile and lasting.

When most of the existing coin clubs were organized, the first order of business was to give it a name and to list its objectives. The objective of most clubs was to encourage and promote an interest in numismatics, to cultivate friendly relations among collectors and students, and especially to encourage and assist the amateur collector.

Many coin clubs have turned from this ideal into social cliques. New and especially young members are looked down on rather than enthusiastically accepted. With this cold greeting, these new members soon become disinterested and refuse to return. It is forgotten that these new people could become the backbone of the club in years to come. Thus, meeting after meeting, the same people hold the same offices, complain about the same problems, and are unwilling to admit that they are slowly strangling their club.



Spanbauer

The following note was received when a coin club returned a copy of my book I had sent them. "I am no longer secretary of the coin club. Please do not correspond with us again." This attitude does little to promote a local club or the entire hobby.

The problem then is, how to make the coin club meeting more interesting and more desirable. I feel that there are a number of ways to change the meeting from an "old business, new business, let's adjourn and get on with the auction type" to an educational and productive gathering.

The best educational tool in this hobby, is the large selection of books available. Many coin clubs have their own libraries, and I feel that all clubs would benefit from this. A club in Minnesota returned my book with the following note:

"Thank you very much for your offer to purchase your book. Unfortunately, our club treasury is just about depleted as we are non-profit and it really is a struggle to pay some of our bills."

It is really a shame for a club to pass up a book that they want and need because they don't have a few dollars. If each member would contribute 50 cents a month to a library fund, at the end of a year or two, their club could have a basic library available to every member.

An idea I like even better carries the ideas of a club library one step farther. One of the problems of having a club library is where to store the books. They are usually kept in a place where they are accessible only on meeting nights. My preference is to purchase the books and donate them to the local library. Not only would they benefit the club members but also other collectors in the area. This arrangement offers many more possibilities. Many books are purchased for the libraries by request of its patrons. Once you show the library personnel that these books are being used they will be willing to purchase additional material. This way, books are being added to the club library with no cost to the club. The club can continue to purchase the inexpensive new editions and request the library to buy the higher-priced books.

A second means of bringing a coin club back together is with the use of speakers. Numismatics should be a never ending search for information and material, and there are many collectors willing to share their knowledge with other collectors. Your own club may have a few members who are interested in tokens or other aspects of the hobby, willing to share what they have learned. This past summer I heard a talk on the Leshar Referendum dollar, a subject I knew nothing about, and found it very interesting. Speakers usually request payment to cover time and travel expenses, but if every member contributes a dollar or so, I'm sure they will find it most rewarding and worthwhile.

A third way to stimulate interest in your club is through the use of films and slides. The Franklin Mint has available a number of excellent films that clubs can use. They are on a number of subjects and would make an interesting presentation at one of your meetings. Along with the Franklin Mint series, the American Numismatic Association has a large selection of slide programs available to member clubs. Membership dues are very reasonable and the cost of the slide program is around a dollar to cover round-trip postage.

A fourth way to give your club a shot in the arm is by joining your state organization, if there is one, and also the ANA. The ANA publishes a monthly magazine listing the latest books available, new coin releases, a counterfeit detection section and much more. The benefits from this organization are well worth the yearly dues.

The ANA also holds a week-long seminar in Colorado Springs every July. The cost is approximately \$200, but it includes tuition, meals, lodging, and an excellent program. I was fortunate to receive a scholarship to attend last year's seminar, presented to me by my state organization. The amount of material available at a gathering of this type staggers the mind. Classes are held in coin grading, ancient coins, medieval coins, Colonial coins, coin photography, and the detection of counterfeit and altered coins.

I have listed a number of ways that I feel the local coin club can be saved. I'm glad to say that not all clubs are in danger of sinking, but it is interesting to note that these solid clubs are usually members of the ANA, have educational speakers attending their meetings and occasionally use the film and slide programs available to them.

Earlier in this editorial, I mentioned a couple of letters from clubs I feel need help. I would now like to mention a few clubs that I feel "have it all together."

The Crossroads Coin Club in the Panama Canal Zone is the first one. It has over 200 members, puts out a monthly news letter, recently had a white elephant auction, and is generally a very progressive club. The members of this club are willing to work and the benefits are evident. They know that you only get out of something as much as you put in.

The second is the Area Coin Club, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. When I returned from the ANA seminar this past July, I had in my mail an order from this club for 12 copies of my book on copies, replicas and counterfeits. Each copy was to be autographed for a different member. This club also has as one of its members, Chet Hanson, the winner of last year's National Coin Week slogan contest.

The last club that I would like to mention is the Delta Coin Club of California. A member of the ANA (32173), the California Numismatic Association (746) and dedicated to "integrity, knowledge, and friendship." This club also has a library.

My reasons for mentioning these coin clubs is to show that the progressive clubs all have one thing in common, a desire by its members to learn as much as possible about all aspects of the hobby. These clubs will continue to survive and prosper because of this desire. They have changed with the times and are the better for it. They know that there is more to coin collecting than just collecting coins.

The concern is not for these last clubs mentioned, but for the clubs that have not changed. It is not too late for this change to occur and not too late for these clubs to again be an organization of which to be proud. Change is difficult, but if this change doesn't come, I'm afraid that these clubs are destined to become only a dream for the junior collector and the collector of the future.

—Larry Spanbauer, Editor, N. O. W. News

(Editor's Note: In addition to being active in Wisconsin numismatic circles, Mr. Spanbauer is the author of a recently published book, "Colonial Copies, Private Mint Replicas and Modern Counterfeits, U.S. Coins," which is available from most numismatic book dealers. His guest editorial was originally published in **Coin World**.)

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SPOTLIGHT

ANA Library Catalog Being Computerized

The American Numismatic Association's 1972 library catalog has been out of print for some time and many users of the library are becoming impatient at the delay in issuing a new one. They will be glad to learn that good progress is being made and a completely revised and updated catalog is being produced, although the exact date on which it will be available cannot be announced at this time.

The loose-leaf catalog of 1972 was the result of several years of preparation, including the devising of a catalog system for a large numismatic library. This unique system which, by the way, has been adopted by others, has proven very satisfactory and will be continued into the revised edition, according to ANA Librarian Geneva Karlson.

Several problems were encountered in preparing the new catalog, such as the increased volume of entries (nearly twice that of only five years ago), the need for greater ease of updating, more complete in-house records and the ability to store the data for safe-keeping. Computer firms were contacted and eventually one agreed to study the project.

Some new techniques and special equipment had to be devised but a program has been worked out and implemented. The computer is turning out the basic copy for the catalog and this phase of the project should be completed by June 1st. Bids will then

be secured for the actual printing. Hopefully the catalog will be ready for distribution by mid-August, prior to the time of the ANA convention in Atlanta. ANA members will be advised in the pages of **The Numismatist** when they may secure a copy, and the numismatic press will be notified also.

Obviously, this project has entailed considerable expenditure, some of which is chargeable to upkeep of general library records and further updating of the catalog. The ANA Board of Governors decided to make a charge for catalogs to partially offset their cost. The price will be determined as soon as printing and other costs are known, but it will be kept as low as possible. Should some members feel that their use of the library does not justify purchasing a catalog, they may still use it by borrowing one of the shelf copies that will be available.

Probably few collectors outside the Colorado Springs headquarters are fully aware of the scope of the largest numismatic lending library in the world. It is used by uncounted persons who visit it for periods of a few minutes to several days, and by those who borrow books, catalogs and periodicals by mail. In the latter class, 4155 books were loaned to 1372 borrowers last year.

The ANA library staff and the officers regret the inconvenience caused by the delay but feel that the new catalog and greater flexibility of computerized library records will justify the meticulous planning of the project.

Early American Coppers Anthology Being Readied By Durst

Sanford J. Durst, numismatic author, publisher and book distributor has announced the publication of an anthology of the finest major material on U. S. cents and half-cents ever published, producing a compendium on the subject never before available in one volume.

Most of the material is the product of the thorough research minded numismatic scholars of the late 1700s, and according to Durst, owning this new book will offer the collector a chance to have this material first hand in his own numismatic library at a moderate cost.

The anthology includes all of the following in their complete text and complete plates.

1. U.S. Cents and Half Cents by Frossard;
2. Cents and Half Cents of 1793 by Crosby;
3. United States Half Cents by Gilbert;
4. An Arrangement of U.S. Copper Cents 1816-1857 by Andrews;
5. U.S. Cents of 1794 by Frossard & Hayes;
6. U.S. Cents of 1798-99 by Clapp;
7. The U.S. Cents of 1795, 6, 9, and 1800 by Clapp and Newman; and
8. U.S. Cents of 1796 by Gilbert & Elder.

Most collectors of early U.S. coins do not have access to the included volumes due to their rarity and substantial cost. Durst notes for example that the accumulated cost of obtaining early reprints of the various titles could cost about \$300-\$400 based on recent auction results. Originals, if one could find them, could cost well over \$1000. Durst advised that he has spent over 2 years accumulating copies of the books which will appear in the anthology. On an average basis, each of the included volumes in the reprint will cost the collector less than \$5.

These 8 studies and books with plates total approximately 500 pages and have been produced in a large 7" x 10" book nearly 2" thick with a gold stamped hard simulated leather cover. This reprint, a limited edition of just 1000 numbered copies, retails for \$39.50. The Early American Coppers Anthology is available directly from Sanford J. Durst, 133 East 58th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

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From Treasury records, it appears that the first suggestion of recognizing God on U.S. coinage was made by the Rev. M. R. Watkinson, Ridleyville, Pa., in a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury dated Nov. 13, 1861.



Wayne Coin Club YNs with advisor, Florence Schook.

Yearlong Coin Program Set for Wayne Youths

The young numismatists of the Wayne Coin Club, Wayne, Mich., will be receiving instruction in the basics of coin collecting throughout 1977 from ANA Young Numismatist Program chairman Florence Schook, who will be assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Charters.

The course of instruction will be given at each meeting with homework assignments and will include training in oral presentations on assigned topics; writing of essays, club news, articles, etc., and exhibiting techniques for beginners.

Mrs. Schook has administered similar educational programs for the past two years — during 1975 to the young numismatists of the Dearborn Coin Club and in 1976 to those in the Royal Oak Coin Club. While the classes have been large in both of the foregoing clubs, the young numismatist segment of the Wayne Coin Club promises to be the largest group administered thus far.

"The young numismatists of the

Wayne Coin Club are eager and enthusiastic regarding instruction," Mrs. Schook reports, "the youngsters are utilized throughout the year at club shows assisting show officials and running errands for dealers, assisting in ticket sales and working at the registration area. On meeting nights, they assist in auctions, refreshments and whatever else needs to be done in the conduct of club activities."

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RCDA Boasts Code of Ethics

The Retail Coin Dealers Association can boast "the best Code of Ethics that has been promulgated by any numismatic organization," according to the association's executive secretary, Wilson F. Walters.

Walters also reported to members recently that headway was being made in RCDA efforts to obtain "the best insurance coverage available in the world" for dealer members.

Dealers interested in joining the RCDA may contact Walters at P.O. Box 536, Denison, Texas 75020.

Wisconsin Club Rejects Assay Change

Letters in opposition to the proposed removal of public members from the 1977 and future U.S. Assay Commissions have been sent to President Carter and Mint Director Mrs. Mary Brooks on behalf of the Numismatists of Wisconsin, (NOW), the state organization of coin collectors and clubs.

At a meeting of the NOW board of governors held Jan. 30, the board voted unanimously to authorize NOW President Kurt Krueger to write the letters voicing the group's opinion on the subject. The resolution was made by Larry Spanbauer, an Oshkosh collector who served on the 1976 Assay panel. He called the involvement by the public in the ceremonial coin tests "an important link between coin collectors and the Mint."

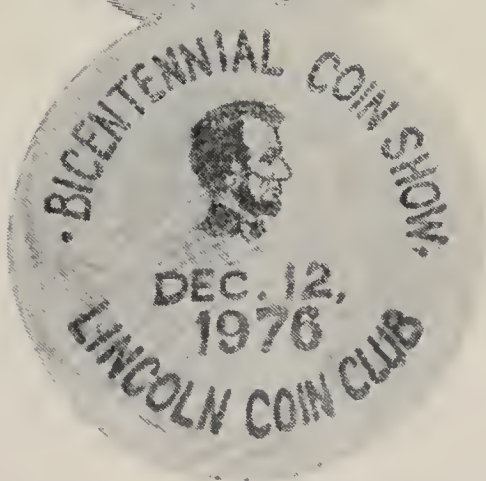
In other action, the NOW board vot-

ed to accept the invitation of the Eau Claire coin club to hold the 1978 NOW convention in that west-central Wisconsin city.

Also, a number of proposed by-law changes concerning the holding of office in NOW were introduced by Past-president Clifford Mishler who told the board the changes would insure the "infusion of new blood in the governing body" of the state organization.

The NOW board meeting was held in conjunction with the Nicolet Coin Club's mid-winter coin show in Green Bay.

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The Lincoln Coin Club, Lincoln Park, Michigan, topped off 1976 with a Bicentennial Coin Show on December 12. Wooden nickels, commemorating the show, are available for 25¢ each or three for 50¢ (plus a SASE) from Lincoln Coin Club, c/o Florence Schook, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, Mich. 48154.

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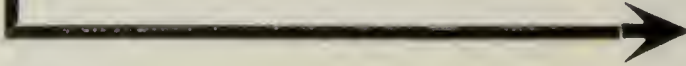
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I would like to reserve cases for an exhibit of numismatic material for above convention. My exhibit to be entered and judged in the class designated below by an X. (Note: No single exhibit may be entered in more than one class.)

A limit of 5 cases or 13 lineal feet of table space per exhibitor. Regular A.N.A. cases (18" x 30") will be furnished. Exhibitors however may use their own cases (*) provided they do not exceed 3000 square inches of table space and are not more than 5 inches high. All material including titles must be inside the exhibit cases.

CLASSIFICATIONS

GROUP A.—COMPETITIVE

- 1. United States Coins
- 2. Currency (all kinds including obsolete and foreign)
- 3. Gold coins (all kinds including foreign)

GROUP B.—NON-COMPETITIVE

Exhibits may be placed any time Thursday, May 12, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. — and Friday, May 13, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. NO EXHIBIT MAY BE REMOVED BEFORE 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15.

My exhibit will consist of (brief description):

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I agree to abide by all the rules and committee decisions necessary to conduct of the exhibit and by the decisions of the judges of the awards.

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- ☐ Regular Applicant over 18 yrs. of age . \$3.00 per yr.
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EXHIBIT RULES AND CONDITIONS

The Numismatic Exhibit and Exhibit Program will be under the direction of the Central States Numismatic Society which reserves to itself the right to reject any exhibit at any time. Exhibits will be accepted only upon receipt of the hereto attached application form properly filled out and submitted to the Exhibit Chairman of the Convention, either in person or by mail.



(1) WHO MAY EXHIBIT?

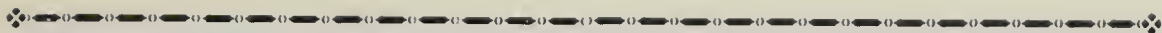
Group A. Competitive: Competitive exhibits are limited to members of the Central States Numismatic Society; however, dealers, or those who are in the coin business full or part time, may NOT exhibit competitively.

Group B. Non-Competitive: Non-Competitive exhibits of outstanding numismatic interest are encouraged and will be accepted upon receipt of application, subject to space limitation.

(2) Application for exhibit space in either Group A or B must be on file with the Exhibit Chairman at least 15 days prior to the opening of the Convention. Cases and/or table space will be limited to space available and will be assigned in the order of receipt of entry blanks. Cancellation of any exhibit reservation should be made promptly to the Exhibit Chairman.

(3) Exhibit cases will be loaned for use at the Convention upon receipt of application in which case requirements are stated. Loan cases are approximately 18" wide x 30" long x 1¾" deep. Competitive exhibitors are limited to a maximum of 5 loan cases using not more than 13 lineal feet of table space. Exhibitors however may use their own cases provided they do not exceed 3,000 square inches of table space and are not more than 5 inches high. All material including titles must be inside the exhibit cases.

(4) No single exhibit may be entered in more than one classification; however, any exhibitor may have more than one exhibit provided he files a separate application for each exhibit and indicates the class in which it is to be judged, if competitive. If more than one competitive exhibit is entered, the total number of cases for all exhibits may not exceed the maximum space as set forth in paragraph 4.



(5) Exhibits in Group A shall be separated from those in Group B. Assignment of table location and case location shall be solely at the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman.

(6) All competitive exhibits **MUST** be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Any numismatic item being displayed which is **NOT** genuine **MUST** be properly described.

(7) Table covers will be furnished by the Convention. No other covers of any kind will be allowed. All material being displayed **MUST** be inside the cases.

(8) No advertising in any form will be permitted with any exhibit.

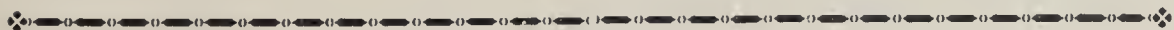
(9) The name or identity of any competitive exhibitor shall not appear on the exhibit. The Exhibit Chairman shall keep a full and complete record of all exhibits, showing the name of each exhibitor and the number of the exhibit. Names of competitive exhibitors shall not be disclosed to anyone until the judges have completed judging of the exhibits and made their report to the awards Committee Chairman, who shall be given the names of those exhibitors to whom awards are due.

(10) The numbered exhibit identification card showing the number of the exhibit and the group classification under which the exhibit is entered will be placed inside each exhibit case in the upper left hand corner or some alternate, but uniformly placed position, where it is plainly visible. Each exhibit case will be locked by the Exhibit Chairman, or his assistant, in the presence of the exhibitor and the key will be kept by the Exhibit Committee Chairman until the exhibit can be removed by the exhibitor. No exhibit may be removed prior to the time set forth in the application blank.

(11) Police protection will be provided for the exhibits during the period. Normal precautions will be exercised at all times, but no liability shall be incurred by the Central States Numismatic Society, its officers, members, and/or committees, either in their respective official, or individual, or personal capacities by reason of any loss, or damages, whatsoever, or the local coin club, acting as hosts, its officers, members and/or committees either in their respective official or individual, or personal capacities by reason of any loss, or damage whatsoever sustained either directly or indirectly in connection with the exhibits and/or convention.

(12) Awards for any exhibits will be made by the Central States Numismatic Society, in accordance with the procedures approved by its executive board. Judges will be appointed by the president of the Central States Numismatic Society, with full and final authority to select the competitive exhibits in each classification to which first, second and third place awards shall be given. The judges will also have the authority to withhold any such awards in any classification where exhibits are deemed insufficient or unworthy of an award. No exhibitor in either Group A or B may be a judge.

(13) A Best of Show plaque will be awarded to one of the first place winners. This award will not be awarded twice to the same person for substantially the



same exhibit. (A list of previous winners of the Best of Show award shall be furnished to the judges for their guidance.)

(14) The following exhibit classifications are available for the 1977 Convention Exhibit:

GROUP A. COMPETITIVE

- 1. United States Coins
- 2. Currency (all kinds including obsolete and foreign)
- 3. Gold coins (all kinds including foreign)
- 4. Foreign coins
- 5. Tokens, Medals, Orders and Decorations, General and Miscellaneous, Specialized, Combined, and other exhibits not covered by Classes 1 to 4 above.

GROUP B. NON-COMPETITIVE

(15) The following point score system will be used for judging exhibits:

Exhibit Aspect	Maximum Points
1. Numismatic Information (measured in terms of educational value to the viewer)	35
2. Arrangement and Originality (manner of presentation, neatness and eye-appeal)	30
3. Comparative Completeness (range, scope and variety of coverage shown by the exhibited material as it relates to the exhibit or theme)	15
4. Comparative Condition (quality of exhibited material compared to highest known quality of like material)	10
5. Rarity and/or Value (considering condition of exhibited material)	10
Maximum Total Points	100

(16) Judges may exercise reasonable discretion under the foregoing standards which are set forth as broad guide lines, but which are not imposed as rigid limitations. Exhibitors must realize that competent numismatists will refuse to act as judges if they must adhere to narrow, rigid rules which do not permit free exercise of good judgment and fair assessment of the many and complex facets of exhibits. Exhibitors must therefore accept the judges' decisions as final and binding in all cases.

(17) Judges will submit final point scores agreed upon for all competitive exhibits to the Exhibit Committee Chairman at the close of the Convention. Any exhibitor may obtain from him upon written request such final point score for his own exhibit only.

CSNS History:
A 'Who's Who'
In Numismatics

For individuals who like to reminisce, the following pages of CSNS history may prove interesting. Not only may you find the dates and places of Society happenings to be interesting, but the names of Society officials — each of whom has carved his own niche in history — forms a virtual “who’s who” in numismatics.

Based on information published in the 1971 St. Louis convention souvenir program, the following dates, places and names have been checked, re-checked and up-dated with the assistance of Oliver W. Horton and Mrs. Marjorie M. Owen, past and present Secretaries, respectively. In addition to secretarial records, past issues of **The Centinel** proved useful.

If ever CSNS would appoint a Society Historian, an interesting project might be to compile a complete roster of the individuals who, throughout CSNS’s 38-year history, have served as members of the Board of Governors . . . another “who’s who” roster! And how about a list of past convention chairmen?

Member-readers detecting suspected errors in the following historical information are requested to call them to the attention of the Secretary or the Editor for verification.

Happy reminiscing!

CONVENTION DATES AND SITES

Date of			
Annual Meeting	Convention	City	Hotel
April 23, 1939	1st	Chicago	Congress
April 27, 1940	2nd	Burlington, Iowa	Burlington
April 26, 1941	3rd	Milwaukee	Pfister
May 9, 1942	4th	Des Moines	Fort Des Moines
(CSNS inactive during war years)			
May 3, 1947	5th	Indianapolis	Claypool
May 18, 1948	6th	Dayton, Ohio	Van Cleve
May 15, 1949	7th	Detroit	Book-Cadillac
May 7, 1950	8th	Springfield, Ill.	Abraham Lincoln
May 13, 1951	9th	Minneapolis	Curtis

May 3, 1952	10th	Cincinnati	Sinton
May 3, 1953	11th	Chicago	LaSalle
May 2, 1954	12th	Milwaukee	Pfister
April 30, 1955	13th	Detroit	Statler
April 29, 1956	14th	Indianapolis	Claypool
April 27, 1957	15th	St. Louis	Statler
May 10, 1958	16th	Cincinnati	Netherland-Hilton
April 25, 1959	17th	Kansas City	Muehlebach
April 30, 1960	18th	Detroit	Sheraton-Cadillac
April 30, 1961	19th	Minneapolis	Pick-Nicollet
May 6, 1962	20th	Milwaukee	Pfister
April 28, 1963	21st	Chicago	Sheraton-Chicago
April 26, 1964	22nd	Kansas City	Continental
April 24, 1965	23rd	Chicago	Pick-Congress
April 30, 1966	24th	Indianapolis	Claypool
April 29, 1967	25th	Peoria	Pere-Marquette
April 20, 1968	26th	Detroit	Sheraton-Cadillac
May 3, 1969	27th	Chicago	Sheraton-Chicago
May 2, 1970	28th	Cleveland	Pick-Carter
May 15, 1971	29th	St. Louis	Chase-Park Plaza
April 29, 1972	30th	Milwaukee ..	Red Carpet-Expo Center
May 5, 1973	31st	Peoria	Hilton
May 11, 1974	32nd	Detroit	Hilton
April 26, 1975	33rd	Kansas City	Muehlebach
May 1, 1976	34th	Chicago	Sheraton-Chicago
May 14, 1977	35th	Milwaukee ..	Red Carpet-Expo Center

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Arthur B. Kelley	1939-40
R. Edward Davis (elect)	1940-41
Hubert Polzer (presided)	1940-41
J. Hewitt Judd	1941-42
I. T. Kopicki	1942-43
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Russell Wm. Stehfest	1947-48
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C. C. Shroyer	1954-56
Erwin C. Gerber	1956-58
Harry X Boosel	1958-60
Ray O. Lefman	1960-62
F. Stevens Epps	1962-64
Leo G. Terry	1964-66
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George D. Hatie	1970-72
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(CSNS inactive during wartime)	
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1956

Ivan C. Eberling
Clyde L. Grimm

1957

Ray Fiscus
I. T. Kopicki

1958

Burton H. Saxton
Harold L. Bowen

1959

Lee F. Hewitt
F. Stevens Epps

1960

Paul E. Olson
Erwin C. Gerber

1961

Carmen Baum
August Hausske
D. Wayne Johnson
Chester L. Krause
Arthur Rutz

1962

Sol Kaplan

1963

Harry X Boosel
Ray O. Lefman

1964

Arlie Slabaugh
C. A. M. Smith

1965

George D. Hatie
Ray Janda

1966

Ben Stocker

1967

Leo G. Terry

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C. C. Shroyer
Phillip J. More

1969

Abe Kosoff
Louis S. Werner

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The ABCs of Numismatics

— by Daniel C. Parker, NLG



RETIREMENT — NUMISMATIC UPDATE

After a very satisfactory 35+ years on the job, I finally called it quits, and for more than a year have been enjoying my retirement. No, not from numismatics! Thank goodness I had a hobby with which I could live with a minimum of physical activity. Still, I haven't discovered how I ever found 40 available hours each week to give to my employer!

After the usual puttering around for several weeks, I hit upon a rainy, boring day. And what to do? It so happened that the postman delivered a brand new catalog for a coin auction sale. First, I skimmed through it; then gave it a much lengthier perusal. Yep, it captured my interest immediately. Nice material put together obviously by a consignor with taste and discrimination, and fairly complete.

The half dollars, long one of my very favorites, captured my interest, and not having written about this series, I decided to try to highlight it for the readers of *The Centinel*.

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The half dollar series goes back to only the second year of the existence of the United States Mint, were first coined in 1794 and were a very short issue. Barely above 5,000 were minted that first year. However, in 1795

production rose tremendously. My guess the reason was that quarter dollars were not minted until 1796, and all the silver coins of foreign lands that were turned in at the Mint were melted down and planchets formed for half dollar striking.



Parker

Both the 1794 and 1795 issues were identical except for dates. In 1795, however, we find the first of the die varieties in the series. We had a re-engraved die in which the wreath surrounding the eagle on the reverse had three leaves, rather than two under each wing. The three leaf variety is by far the scarcer.

A personal anecdote: I was once offered a pair of 1795 halves which had been left to a brother and sister by a doting grandfather. The two sellers

asked \$80 for each, and I had first choice. Naturally, my choice was the coin which was in better condition. Imagine my joy when upon closer examination, in the privacy of my own home, I found the scarcer three leaf variety had been my choice! Buyers for \$80 coins were not too numerous, and in a couple of weeks, I had a phone call telling me that the other coin was still available and could be had for \$75! Wanting the die variety, I purchased that one, too. Today the Red Book prices the three leaf specimen at about \$800, while the other goes for a mere \$350. This all took place in the early 1960s.

For some reason or other, half dollars did not become popular as a collecting series until about 1970 or just prior to that date. When the Cox Collection of half dollars, probably the most complete ever assembled, took best in show at the ANA convention, prices and demand rose astronomically. Difficult to understand! I can remember buying VF and XF specimens of half dollars minted in the early 1800s for as low as \$1.50 and \$1.75 in club auctions, and across bourse tables for only \$2!!

Perhaps the reason for the low prices can be found in Q. David Bowers' book, "Coins and Collectors." Bowers recites the tale of the Econonmite Treasure. He tells of the Harmony Society, a Socialistic group living in Economy, Pennsylvania. During the

Civil War, the confederate General Morgan was raiding in southern Pennsylvania and, in order that this treasure amassed by these thrifty people not fall into his hands, it was buried by a trusted few members of the Society. Somehow, though, it was forgotten.

In 1878 it turned up, and it probably was the most extensive hoard of coins ever "dug up" in one mass. Regarding the half dollar denomination, I must give you an inventory as compiled by the Treasurer of the Savings Institution in Economy. It is as follows:

Half Dollars:

1794	150
1795	650
1796	2
1797	1
1801	300
1802	200
1803	300
1805/4	25
1805	600
1806	1500
1807	2000
1815	100

And now hear this!! Listed were common half dollars, 1808-1836, 11,356 pieces!! At the time Bowers wrote his book, he estimated that the hoard would bring \$1,500,000 . . . and this at mid-1960s prices. Today, I would estimate that value at beyond \$10,000,000! No wonder the prices we paid in the early 1960s seemed to be a bargain.

When one studies the above inventory, one can make a determination of the relative scarcity of half dollars. Much of the above information can be easily verified in the Red Book.

I believe most sincerely that the Red Book is the least used and, at the same time, the most mis-used book in all the numismatic libraries. It contains a world of valuable information and should get much more of your attention.

And now back to puttering around!

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Assay Commission '77

— by Clement F. Bailey, NLG

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I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR FILE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PRESIDENT APPROVE YOU FOR THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL ASSAY COMMISSION. REGRETFULLY, HOWEVER, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL ASSAY COMMISSION WITHOUT

ED. WE SHALL ACCORDINGLY MAINTAIN YOUR FILE AT THE MINT.

MARY BROOKS
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

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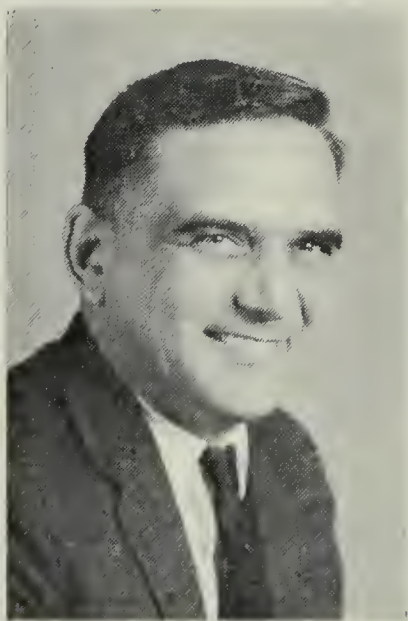
The Annual Assay Commission did not meet in 1977, as the above telegram details, due to the determination of President Carter to cut off the silly frillies of government. Much has been written — only in the hobby of collecting — about the elimination of the event held on the second Wednesday of February at the Philadelphia Mint.

The average coin collector knows little about the Assay Commission and probably cares a lot less than what he or she knows. Only those in the hobby or those who have some political tie with those in the hobby really understood the Annual Assay Commission event.

Namely the appointment to the honorary Commission went to those in the hobby politically endowed or to their spouses. Appointment to the Commission was usually made on the basis of "back scratching" formulated by ancient political maneuvers.

For a number of years the filling of the Commission was made by politicians for politicians. The Commission is honorary and the burden of getting to Philadelphia, staying the appointed time and returning home is one that belongs to the person appointed. The

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Bailey

PUBLIC MEMBER COMMISSIONERS. IN THE EVENT THAT IN THE COMING YEAR THE FULL ASSAY COMMISSION ACTIVITIES ARE RESUMED YOU WILL BE CONSIDER-

CHANGE IN ASSAY PANEL IS LOSS TO NUMISMATICS

— by Kurt R. Krueger, NLG

The hobby has been given a taste of Southern Hospitality by President Carter, who, with the stroke of a pen, abolished public member participation in the annual mint assay. We can certainly imagine that he made many enemies within the numismatic community.

News of the Carter Administration's decision to conduct the annual Assay commission without public member commissioners was received Feb. 5 by an undisclosed number of prospective commissioners, just four days before the meeting was to take place in Philadelphia.

Thus, it appears that one of the oldest institutions in the annals of American history is destined to be swept under the carpet. From my desk, it certainly seems a shame that the President, in his great zeal to save the republic from rampant spending, has chosen to eliminate an annual meeting which in reality parallels that for which he is supposedly looking — participation by the people. It would appear that in his effort to make good on the campaign promises of reduced spending, he is, to borrow a little regional terminology, "as nervous as a long-tailed cat at a rocking chair convention."

While we will admit the purpose of the annual Assay Commission today is rather obscure, since there is no precious metal to test within our circulating coinage, we look upon its removal from the public as Uncle

taking away another of our privileges.

The Assay Commission was established by our Founding Fathers to serve as a check on the coinage of our nation. The allowing of government-appointed officials to do the task without public supervision is in direct conflict with the original intent of the commission.

There are those who take a dim, and perhaps somewhat narrow-



Krueger

minded, view in regard to the annual Assay Commission. Critics of the commission say that since silver has been removed from our coins, the

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OLD TIME HOSPITALITY REMEMBERED ON ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOKEN

— by Gerald E. Johnson

It seems every midwest exnumia collection of more than one hundred pieces contains one or more specimens of the tokenry of the huge Rotary International Organization. Dozens of different medalets, lapel pins and commemoration pieces have been minted in a variety of metals, sizes and shapes, and generally in large quantities.

Rotary International had its humble beginning in the year 1905, when Chicago lawyer, Paul P. Harris sought a cure for loneliness in the big city. Harris took his idea to three friends: a tailor, a mining engineer and a coal dealer, and meetings were held in each member's office on a rotating basis. Hence, the name "Rotary."

To say the least, the idea caught on and today, 72 years later, Rotary International has over 700,000 members



Johnson

and 14,000 clubs in 147 countries! Rotary clubs are engaged in local and international service work and projects. These range from youth cen-

ters here in the midwest, to aid to newly founded African states, or sinking wells in water hungry villages in India.

Individual members and clubs contribute to the Rotary Foundation, which supports an extensive program of overseas scholarships and fellowships for college-age students, technicians and artisans. A group study exchange program enables young business and professional men to spend several months studying business and social customs in countries other than their own.

Back in 1915, when the above token was struck, Rotary was only 10 years old, with 50 clubs and a total membership of only 5000 persons, but the movement was already worldwide, having spread to Canada and England.

The Superior Rotary Club was the first chartered in Wisconsin and, though small in number, the 1915 group was right in the swing of the national mania for expositions.

The Pan-Pacific Exposition was an effort to gather all things representing civilization as it was that year, and to create a sample world of 1915 from which future scientists could reconstruct and study the period.

Guess Grandad was a pretty progressive fellow back in the good old days!

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annual meeting really didn't mean much to those in attendance with the exception of obtaining a Presidential Appointment, as well as the Assay Medal. Actual functioning positions were not really accomplished by the appointed Commission. President Carter is bent on dropping such honorary functions and the Assay Commission was the first to come under the knife.

In later years the members of the Assay Commission have been taken from the ranks of the hobby of numismatics. Most of the persons appointed have come from the top layers of the hobby and mainly to those who could do some good for the Treasury Department and the Bureau of the Mint.

The Bureau of the Mint can well afford to have a few of the hobby elite on the Assay Commission, as the Mint makes a lot of money on their coin offers through the hobby — without advertising, the Commission appointment was a mild form of pay off. Even then the government didn't go overboard in expenses for Commission members.

When the Assay Commission was eliminated this past February, there were raised arms all over the hobby because about two dozen persons did not receive commissions for the one day event. The hobby has had so many members on the honorary Commission that they figured the Annual Assay Commission belonged to the collectors. It doesn't!

The Assay Commission — with public members — could run very well without any collectors in the membership. The draw of members could come from different professional societies such as the testing and materials groups or the quality control

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WHAT OUR

CLUBS

HAVE TO SAY

State, Local Clubs Pick Officers

The Iowa Numismatic Association has announced its slate of officers for the new term in the recent issue of the group's regular bulletin.

John Kelso, Cedar Rapids, was selected to serve as president, with Harry Peters, Kanawha, and Don Mark, Des Moines, first and second vice presidents. JoAnn Peters was named secretary-treasurer.

On the board of directors are, first district, Gene Boyd, Davenport, and Wilbur Balmos, Muscatine; second district, James R. Hamling, Cedar Rapids; third district, Bill Bright, Waterloo; fourth district, Raymond Ryan, Chelsea; fifth district, Doris Nelson, Ames; sixth district, Dean Peterson, Sioux City; seventh district, Marjorie Owen, Adel; directors-at-large, Don Watts, Clarion, Jack Feild, Cedar Rapids, and M. A. Peterson, Clear Lake.

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New officers for the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Milwaukee, Wis., were installed at the group's Jan. 15 banquet.

The new officers are: Darlene Highsmith, president; Lee Hartz, vice president; Laoretta Schoen, secretary; Anthony Tramte, treasurer; Michael Tramte, librarian; George Miller, sgt.-at-arms; and John Wilson, trustee.

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New officers for the Chicago Coin Club, Chicago, Ill., were unanimously elected at the group's Dec. 8 meeting.

The new officers are: Gerda Birkholz, president; Saul Needleman, 1st vice president; Richard Hartzog, 2nd vice president; and, governors A. R. Birkholz, Harry X Boosel, Frank Zaylik and Charles Ryan.

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New officers for the Ann Arbor Coin Club, Ann Arbor, Mich., were elected at the group's Feb. 4 meeting.

The new officers are: Lee S. Minshull, president; Bill Thornton, first vice president; Dan Sickel, second vice president; and, Brian Bafs, secretary.

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New officers were elected by the South Bend Coin Club, South Bend, Ind., at the club's December meeting.

The new officers are: Edward Macowski, president; Norman Merrick, vice president; Henry L. Lezak, treasurer; Jerry Karascony, secretary; Paul A. Cripe, financial secretary; and Ken Cannoot, sgt.-at-arms.

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New officers for the Hilltop Y Coin Club, Columbus, Ohio, were elected at the group's Dec. 14 meeting.

The new officers are: Michael Sens, president; Robert Livingston, vice president; Robert Eblin, secretary; Doug Richey, treasurer; and Becky Krutko, sgt.-at-arms.

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New officers for the U & I Coin Club, Edina, Minn., were elected at the group's Dec. 7 meeting.

New officers are: John McDiarmid, president; John Barry, vice president; Lorraine Lemmer, secretary; and Ralph Lemmer, treasurer. Elected to the board of governors are Stan Baumwald, John Olson and Fred Dickinson.

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Officers for the **Morton Grove Coin Club, Morton Grove, Ill.**, were elected at the group's Dec. 17 meeting.

The new officers are: Lou Goldstein, president; Irv Kaufman, vice president; Bill Lovelace, vice president; Burt Levy, treasurer; and Merle Schwartz, secretary. Elected governors are Shel Green, Saul Needleman and Jim Ullman.

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Lucian Chojecki has been returned for his sixth term as president of the **East Detroit Coin Club, East Detroit, Mich.** He was president of the group in 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, and 1976.

Mike Mizak was elected vice-president, and Lillian and Vern Dupee were named secretary and treasurer respectively. John Kary accepted the appointment to the sgt.-at-arms post.

In addition to Chojecki and Mizak, the board of directors will include John Michalewicz, Jerry Parsons, Ralph Schwartz, and Jim Zabowski.

New officers for the **Livingston County Coin Club, Howell, Mich.**, were elected at the group's Feb. 7 meeting.

The new officers are: Al Latson, president; Steve Hudson, vice president; Mark Wubben, secretary, and Chet Clark, treasurer.

Club meetings are held the first Monday monthly at the Howell Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m.

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Morton Grove Club Plans Coin Show

May 29 and 30 have been set aside as the dates for the "Holiday Coin Festival" of the Morton Grove Coin Club.

The 12th annual club show, featuring a large bourse area and the club's "coin origin and evaluation booth," will be held at the Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, Ill. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the 29th, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 30th.

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Sioux Falls Show Site For South Dakota Event

The South Dakota State Coin and Stamp Convention and Show has been set for June 3-5 at the Holiday Inn, 8th and Main St., Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sponsoring the event will be the Great Plains Coin Club and the Sioux Falls Stamp Club, according to Raymond J. Link, general show chairman and president of the coin club.

Some 40 coin and stamp dealers are expected to occupy the bourse area, under the direction of Edwin Skovly, bourse chairman, and his assistant Al Lathrop, president of the stamp club.

Other show officials include Don Schryvier, auction; Bob Pieper and Ralph Moss, exhibits; Mr. and Mrs.

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Additional information can be obtained by writing the Great Plains Coin Club, P.O. Box 717, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57101.

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Florence, Kentucky, to Start School Club

Students of Ockerman Junior High, Florence, Ky., have initiated plans to start a coin club within the school.

Interested persons with ideas for the club, or who might want to aid in getting the club off the ground, may contact the sponsor, Jerry D. Johnson, c/o Boone County Schools, P.O. Box 37, 8330 U.S. 42, Florence, Ky. 41042.

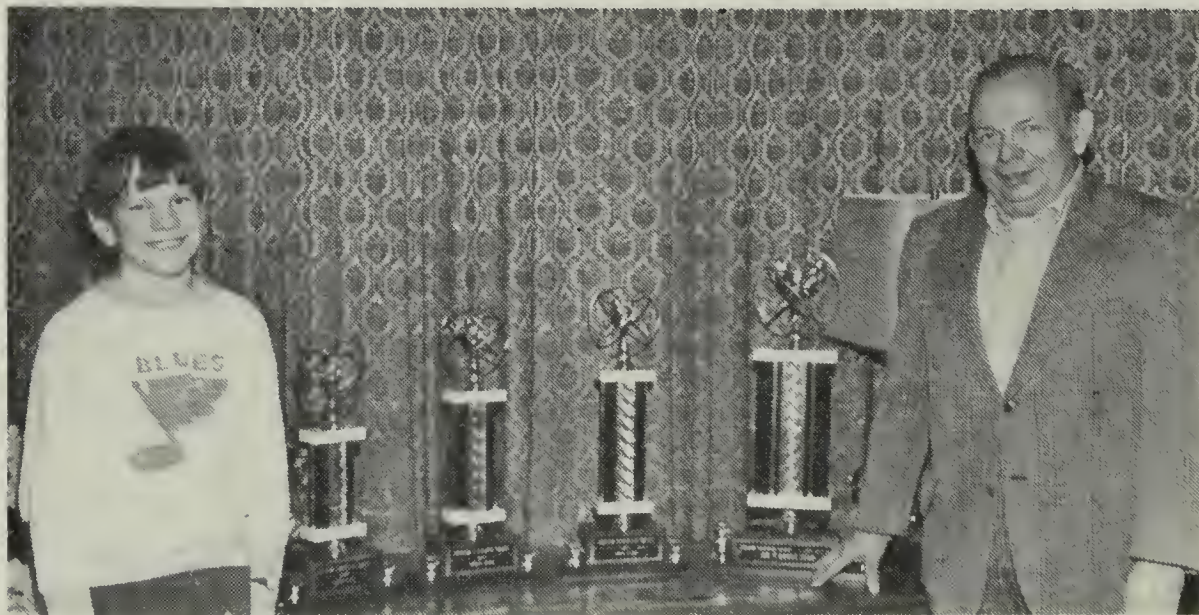
Illinois Association Schedules Show

The Northwest Suburban Coin Club will host the 17th annual state convention of the Illinois Numismatic Association, set for Sept. 9-11 at the Arlington Park Hilton Hotel, Arlington Heights, Ill.

William Litwick, president of the local club, will serve as general show chairman, assisted by co-chairman and club vice-president Walter Schulz.

Sixty-five coin dealers have already been signed to participate in the show, and a host of other activities are planned, including an auction by Jess Peters, Inc., an educational forum, and an awards banquet. Speakers and guests have yet to be announced.

Additional show officials include Moose Foster, bourse; Ron Sjoberg,



EXHIBITORS INVITED TO ST. LOUIS FESTIVAL

"If you don't come to St. Louis in August, you're going to have the St. Louis Blues!" are the sentiments of Gary Huggins and his father, Jack, exhibit chairman for Missouri Numismatic Society's annual coin festival, August 12-14, as they display a few of the dozen-plus awards which will go to competing exhibitors. Huggins is extending a special invitation to exhibit to all CSNS area collectors. Displays should be in place on Friday, August 12, and may be removed at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 14. The convention site chosen for this year's MNS convention is the Marriott Hotel (across from St. Louis' Lambert Municipal Airport).

auction; Larry Vonyx, exhibits; Ken Titchenal, registration; Bill Beach, publicity; Larry Rivkin, advertising; Carl Vryzl, program; Paul Brown, banquet; Al Mantueffel, security and properties, and Clare Dynes, hotel liaison.

Further information can be obtained from the NSCC at P.O. Box 902, Arlington Heights, Ill. 60006.

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The only U.S. coin ever issued bearing the likeness of a foreign monarch is the commemorative Isabella quarter dollar released in 1893. The coins bearing a portrait of Queen Isabella of Spain, were sold for \$1 each as souvenirs of the Columbian Exposition.

Bailey —

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groups. That type of membership would be able to function for the assay.

Government is highly criticized for being "non-functional," but the public complains when "non-functional" events are cut.

In recent years every applicant for the Commission had to make out a formal application to be sent to the Director of the Mint. This had to be followed by letters of recommendation from Congressmen or some member of the White House staff. The subject was then investigated and the

completed file was then put "on hold" until the next commission drawing. At selection time, the Director of the Mint made out the short list from the large number of names on hold and submitted the list to the White House. Additions or deletions were made at this time and the final list sent back to the Bureau of the Mint for notification of selected members.

The right needle at the right time in any one of the processes would break or make a name on the list, a type of acupuncture technique.

We agree with the action of President Carter if we can have a trade off of other positions in government. He could very well take a good look at the position of Director of the Mint, as well as other positions held in the other mint facilities gained by political appointment. One of the higher job titles is completely worthless as a function in government, the Treasurer of the United States. This figure head puts his or her signature on the paper money of the United States, but other than that has little to do with the office or the job. This position was not filled for two and a half years in the term of President Nixon, which says something about government spending.

Will the government make a trade off with the public on those positions, to save money in government? It is actually doubted. The revised budget for 1978 shows that the Department of the Treasury — under a Carter recommendation — was increased \$4.7 billion from the Ford recommendation. This Carter recommendation came after the "open administration" closed the Assay Commission to "public members."

Playing the game straight, the deletion of the Commission was a good move. It eliminated a couple of dozen members of the public which were probably pushing Mint products and

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panel is strictly honorary.

In these days of wild inflation, however, it should be remembered that situations can be reversed in short order. Remember the big copper scare of two years ago? Do you recall that the intrinsic value of the lowly one-cent coin nearly went above face value? Do you also remember that all of a sudden the nation was faced with a serious shortage of the copper discs for day-to-day business transactions?

Certainly, it is a bit ridiculous to assume that someone would have been in the back room of the Mint shaving copper off cents, but nonetheless, this argument for the annual Assay Commission is valid.

Beyond the fact that it is considered a great honor within the numismatic community to receive a presidential appointment to serve on the annual assay, it has been considered a sign of good citizenship to have served in this capacity. Such recognitions of the people by the Federal Government are good. While, admittedly, the numbers involved on the annual assay are small, it is programs such as this which help to make our nation the greatest the world has ever known.

According to a Treasury release, the reasons behind the cancellation of the program were economic in nature. Is our nation really so mired in debt that we must forsake tradition for the sake of saving what seems to be a minimal amount by the Treasury Department? Imagine, this announcement on the heels of a big \$13,000 annual raise to members on Congress!

I was brought up on the philosophy that when you take from something, it should be returned in some manner. Few will dispute the Mint's status as

the "world's biggest coin dealer." Every year it takes more and offers less. It fails to put anything back into the hobby. Mint exhibits and treasury exhibits no longer appear at our coin conventions with any degree of regularity and now they have taken from us the last bit of grassroots communication.

There are those who have already stated that we'll never again see an annual Assay Commission attended by public commissioners. I believe, however, that if pressure is placed upon the proper people, we could possibly reverse the administration and again have our little niche in the government.

For us to allow the passing of this institution without a struggle would be shameful. It is my hope that there are many among us who are thinking in the same vein. It is our duty to inform the administration that there is much more at stake than the two dozen annual assay commissioners, but the potential of 10 million coin collecting Americans to have the opportunity to serve their nation with honor in this capacity.

And if that isn't enough to prompt your attention to the matter at hand, remember that for the past several years, the commissioners of the annual assay have not all come from the numismatic community. So, in reality, it is the entire American people at large that is the loser.

The first silver Eisenhower dollars were struck at the San Francisco Assay Office on March 31, 1971.

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Patina is the natural coloring acquired by a coin, token, or medal, with the passage of time; or as a result of oxidation produced by certain soils and moisture. Patina may be artificially applied by the manufacturer, using acids to bring out the detail and develop an artistic finish.

The Genesis of the MOON

— by Arthur F. Giere

It was a beautiful Sunday morning in October. The birds were chirping and there was the old giant, Mister Sol, smiling, too, in the East, and both of these were in competition to announce to all men born of Adam's misery that this was the Lord's day in the Mill City. It was one of those rare days that occurs once in a decade, it seems.

The Northwest Coin Club had put in a show the day before in the Nicollet Hotel and the visitors at that show had each been given a small card containing the following information:

"A Minnesota state-wide coin club will be organized Sunday, the 14th, at

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9:00 a.m. Organizational meeting will be held in the Arrowhead Room on the Mezzanine. All are welcome."

When the clock in the bell tower of the great flour mill city tolled, nine bells, there were a half dozen men, in deep conference, at the Arrowhead Room. The meeting had already been called to order. A temporary presiding officer had been named and a secretary selected. The presiding officer was Jay D. Swift.

The following individuals were there at this session: J. Mortimer Pugh, Austin; Jay D. Swift, Howard Lake; Paul E. Olson, Minneapolis; Gail Wilkerson, Anoka; Arnold Holmberg, Minneapolis; and Arthur F. Giere, Galesville, Wisconsin.

Mr. Pugh suggested the name of this club to be the "Minnesota Organization of Numismatists," otherwise to be known as "MOON."

This all happened in the year 1962, five days after Leif Erickson Day, to-wit: on the 14th day of October.

On that day was born the numismatic satellite MOON. And it is a real satellite, too, which shines in the numismatic world today, by the reflective light of its brilliant members. Earth has only one satellite. It is called the moon. And the numismatic world has only one MOON, too.

The first meeting of MOON as an organization was held May 12, 1963, at the Red Cedar Inn Motel in Austin, Minnesota. The Austin Coin Club held its annual convention at that place on May 11th and 12th. So it was a good place to also have a meeting of the new MOON.

It is to be noted that this meeting was also held in Austin for the reason that J. Mortimer Pugh, who originated the name — MOON — was a resident of Austin. So this first meeting was to do special honors to Mr. Pugh. Later on, by-laws and a constitution were considered and adopted, and the club was a going concern.



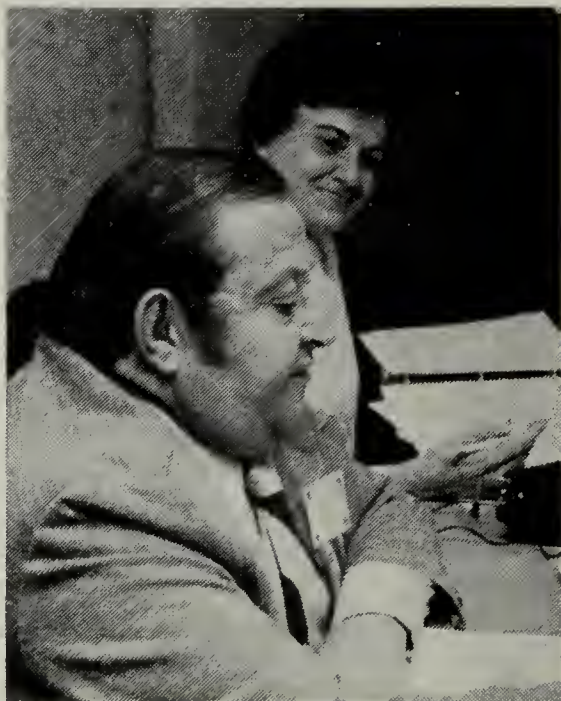
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Since this satellite appeared on the horizon of the numismatic world, a multitude of exhibit cases have been on the coin room tables at its shows where also our country's greatest and finest dealers have manned the hundreds of feet bourse tables, and thousands and thousands of interested hobbyists and friends of them have learned about numismatics and have had much joy in visiting these shows put on so many times by the Minnesota Organization of Numismatists since anno 1962.

Long live the MOON!



There you have a brief history of the MOON. Now for a bit of recent history as *The Centinel's* cameraman shows a few glimpses of the '76 MOON Show.



The CSNS interim board meetings left little time for Society officials to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the MOON Show. Pres. Harold Berk presided with assistance from Marjorie Owen, secretary-treasurer.



Minneapolis dealer Fabian Martini was caught in a familiar setting — surrounded by his specialty, Lincoln cents.



A scene reminiscent of most coin shows: dealer to dealer dealing. CSNS Governor Kurt Krueger (seated) and Floyd Janney of Waukesha, Wis., were attempting to consummate a transaction.



Veteran Minnesota dealer Fred Carson of Albert Lea pondered a proposal by MOON's past president, Daniel D. Wiseman of Austin.



Present-day MOON officers include Dick Drury, treasurer; Orlane Kittle, VP; and O. B. Dahl, president. Secretary Ed Westman was absent for the picture.



CSNS officials had little time to pose for pictures during their interim meetings in Minneapolis. Caught by the camera during a business meeting were (clockwise above, from upper left) Ray Lefman, Mike Kohlman, Ralph Hardman, Dan Parker, Tim Marcy, John Cain, Pres. Berk, Sec. Owen, Kurt Krueger and Tom Jones.

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—HAROLD H. BERK
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Amendment —

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Section 4. No debts shall be contracted in the name of the Society and no funds of the Society shall be expended without the approval of a majority of the Governing Board except that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Editor may pay and be reimbursed for the normal expenses incidental to their respective offices, and each committee chairman may pay and be reimbursed for up to \$50 of the normal expenses incidental to his committee in any Society year, in each case without such approval. Such expenses shall be respectively accounted for in the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, Editor and each such Chairman at the end of each Society year. In addition to such reimbursement for expenses, the Secretary-Treasurer shall be paid the sum of \$200 in April of each year and the Editor shall be paid the sum of \$60 for each issue of *The Centinel* published during his term as Editor.

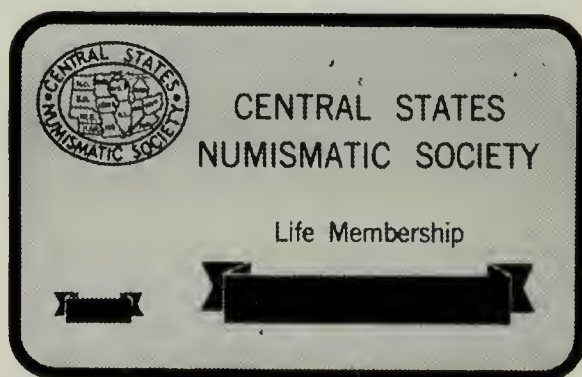
The above amendments will be voted upon at the Membership Meeting to be held at the Red Carpet Inn, 4747 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207, on Saturday, May 14, 1977 at 2:00 p.m.



CSNS Governor and MOON VP Orlane Kittle of Winona, Minn., was named to receive MOON's most valuable member award for 1976.

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Now if the hobby plays the same straight game it would close the editorial approach to those hefty Mint sales and drop the picture taking of the Mint hierarchy.

My agreement with the decision is tempered with the idea that the Treasury Department will make hefty cuts in lots of other places. We have to approach government with a trade off system: you do unto us and you do unto yourself.

In the meantime we suspect the Commission will be revived as soon as the Carter administration has a chance to pick their own team and not one selected by a retired Republican Mint Director, Mary Brooks.

The cost of the Assay Commission must have been on the same level of expenditure as the gas ration coupons of former Secretary Simon or his \$2 idea. It deserved to be hacked, if that is the real reason.

New Organization to be Promoted!

On the lighter side of the Assay Commission deletion, there is the question as what to do with those who received the telegram. Do they attend the next meeting of the OTACS (Old Time Assay Commissioner Society) with one foot in the hall?

Maybe they can band together and start a new organization called the "Carter Dejects" who could sing a happy tune at the next ANA Convention.

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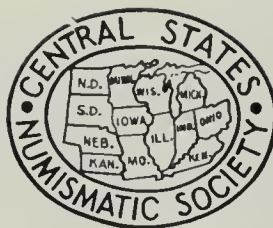
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